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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OILS WITH A HIGH VISCOSITY INDEX

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2002, Applicants wish to amend the
above-identified application as indicated below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended)

A process for producing oils with a high viscosity index from a
feed containing constituents with boiling points of more than
about 300°C comprising

- a) reacting hydrogen with the feed or with a mixture of the feed
with at least a fraction of a stream recycled from c), in the
presence of a catalyst comprising at least one amorphous non
zeolitic matrix and at least one metal or compound of a metal
from group VIII of the periodic table and/or at least one metal
from group VIB to produce an effluent;
- b) fractionating at least a portion of the liquid effluent obtained
from a) so as to separate at least one oil residue comprising